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**SMALL ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
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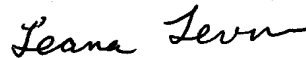
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired June 14, 2006, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested.

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